

Our Daily Bread **Hope Star** THE WEATHER  
 Arkansas: Mostly cloudy; much colder in west and extreme north portions tonight; Wednesday showers, changing to snow flurries in the Ozarks, much colder.

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# With Collapse Rush Ships to

# Push Ships to Save Armies

## —Europe

London, March 14 —(P) Every available ship in Rumania's Black sea ports has been rushed northward, apparently to Odessa, an Istanbul dispatch said today. This appeared to foreshadow complete collapse of the Germans' broken southern flank in Russia in a vast scale that would have been

# Expanding Navy Needs 500,000

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# Present Allied Drive Aimed at Opening Burma Road

## Analysis of the News by Mackenzie

**Editorial Comment Written Today and Moved by Telegraph or Cable.**

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Associated Press War Analyst

Suggest analysis of recent developments in Burma, writes a southern newspaper publisher who breathes the adventurous spirit of the world.

This is never an easy assignment, for readers must find military operations hard to follow in that mysterious zone up under the "roof of the world" where Yankee and Allied troops are fighting.

This really is a continuation of a column's previous story of a road, or rather two roads, the Leda and our old friend the Burma road, which was China's lifeline to the outside world before the Japanese overran Burma. When he invades that latter road they left the Chinese end of it up in the air so to speak.

As the result of that catastrophe American transport planes under the U. S. Gen. "Uncle Joe" Stilwell flew over the road to supply the hard-hat Chinese. Meanwhile American engineers were working high in the mountains to build a new high road, the Ledo road, which would run from the Indian territory west of Burma to the town of Ledo, just across the narrow northern tip of Burma from the severed end of the Burma road.

Completion of the Ledo road was achieved some time ago and the problem then became how to join it to the Burma highway. The Japanese rushed troops into the far north to keep the Allied forces from joining up the new life-line, and sporadic fighting developed.

Six months ago Uncle Joe set his fighting jaw and made himself a new strategy for ousting the enemy from northern Burma. We are seeing the results of this plan now. Working from Ledo, Stilwell sent specially trained Chinese troops into the Hukawng valley and they pushed southward towards the Japanese line.

Simultaneously, Major General Frank Merrill, with seasoned jungle warriors, drove across mountains and through the terrible jungles and canyons to the Mawlaikong region from the south. This created the trap which has 20,000 Japanese and surrounded maybe 2,000.

American and Chinese forces are continuing to smash southward in the Hukawng valley. That word "smash" is a euphemism, by the Associated Press dispatch yesterday said they "advanced two miles in 24 hours."

What's hard the going is in this fever-ridden, snake-infested jungle country. The Stilwell expedition undoubtedly is headed ultimately for the city of Myittha, south of the Hukawng valley.

Today a fresh development is reported. British troops have crossed from Assam into Burma west of Myittha, presumably with the idea of hitting that base from the south while Stilwell smashes at it from the north.

The objectives of these operations really are threefold: (1) to permit of the joining of the Ledo and Burma roads; (2) to create new Allied air bases, and

## THE INFANTRY... STILL "QUEEN OF BATTLES"



Up and At 'Em

## Jury Selected in Johnson Peonage Trial

Helena, Ark., March 14.—(AP)—A jury composed mainly of planters within 40 minutes in federal court here today to try Albert S. Johnson on charges of detaining workers on his 2,000-acre plantation in Cross county in a peonage case.

Johnson, father of 10 children, was indicted by a grand jury at Little Rock last month and pleaded innocent here yesterday.

The indictment alleges that he kept 11 persons on his plantation near Wynne by threatening to take away their ration books and shoe coupons and by refusing to permit them to pay debts so they could not leave the plantation.

The courtroom was fairly crowded when the trial opened but most of the spectators were government witnesses and prospective jurors. District attorney Sam Bowers of Little Rock, who summed 40 witnesses.

After the jury was chosen Judge Harry C. Lemay called attention to the federal peonage statute, which provides that anyone who keeps a person in peonage is guilty of a crime.

Thereafter, the trial opened with the testimony of a witness who had been rare, and noted on the record that the trial probably would be a protracted one.

Forex was aided by assistant District Attorney W. H. Gregory and Johnson was given to charity, he asserted.

It is also plain that only 60 days of racing can be had in any one year and that the 60 days must be used over the district for 30 days of racing can be had in any six months period in any calendar year.

## Seven Cities in Estonia Bombed by Red Airforce

Stockholm, March 14.—(AP)—The Red Air Force of the Soviet Union bombed seven cities in Estonia in the last 24 hours, the German-controlled Estonian newspaper said today, naming them as Dorpat, Pärnu, Virtsu, Pärnu, Pärnu, Rakvere, and Tapa.

The bureau quoted the Helsinki newspaper, the "Uusi Suomalainen," as saying 350 persons were killed, 600 injured and 1,300 residences destroyed, on the basis of reports from the Estonian capital, Tallinn.

## USES Managers to Enter Service

Washington, March 14.—(AP)—The U. S. Employment Service announced today that William L. Shumate, U. S. manager of the Bureau of Mines, and Barney D. Harris, manager of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, had been granted military leave to enter the armed services.

State Director D. Palmer Brackefield, manager of the Office at Hope, had been transferred to 22 Bureau of Reclamation to replace Shumate. Managers for the Hope and Malvern offices were not announced.

## French Railway Blasted by RAF Bombers

By GLADWIN HILL

London, March 14.—(AP)—RAF Halifax bombers dropping out a war, "bomber's moon" staged a surprise attack on the French railway center of Le Mans in the last 24 hours, the "Daily Mail" said today, naming them as Dorpat, Pärnu, Virtsu, Pärnu, Rakvere, and Tapa.

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## Nearly All Miners in Britain Report Back to Work

London, March 14.—(AP)—Some 65,000 of Britain's 100,000 striking coal miners had returned to work by early afternoon, A. H. Davies, secretary of the National Union of Miners Federation, announced.

The situation is improving," he added.

Prime Minister Churchill told Commons it would be unwise for him to make a statement and he would deprecate any debate until a settlement had been effected.

## Communists in Italy Still Against King

Naples, March 14.—(AP)—Italian Communist leaders remained steadfast today in their opposition to Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio and King Vittorio Emanuele III.

The Italian communist party still is against the king and his government, and will continue to demand the king's abdication, Eugenio Reale, its secretary, said today.

Reale said the party had asserted they knew a week ago that Russia's decision, marking the first diplomatic recognition of the Badoglio regime by any of the United Nations, was a betrayal of the Italian people.

He said the party was giving its approval and support to the king as well as Badoglio. The king, he said, was expected to bring an early decision on the king's fate, and the party would be ready to support the king's abdication.

## Batesville Man Seeks Lt. Governor Office

Little Rock, March 14.—(AP)—Thomsonberry A. Gray, Batesville, filed a nomination for the office of lieutenant governor in the 1944 primary election.

Gray, who is a lawyer, was one of the candidates for the office of lieutenant governor in the 1944 primary election.

Gray said he was a member of the United States House of Representatives and had served in the United States Army during World War I.

## St. Louis Livestock

National Stockyards, St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—(AP)—Hogs: 100-150 lbs. 10.00-10.50; 150-200 lbs. 10.50-11.00; 200-250 lbs. 11.00-11.50; 250-300 lbs. 11.50-12.00; 300-350 lbs. 12.00-12.50; 350-400 lbs. 12.50-13.00; 400-450 lbs. 13.00-13.50; 450-500 lbs. 13.50-14.00; 500-550 lbs. 14.00-14.50; 550-600 lbs. 14.50-15.00; 600-650 lbs. 15.00-15.50; 650-700 lbs. 15.50-16.00; 700-750 lbs. 16.00-16.50; 750-800 lbs. 16.50-17.00; 800-850 lbs. 17.00-17.50; 850-900 lbs. 17.50-18.00; 900-950 lbs. 18.00-18.50; 950-1000 lbs. 18.50-19.00; 1000-1050 lbs. 19.00-19.50; 1050-1100 lbs. 19.50-20.00; 1100-1150 lbs. 20.00-20.50; 1150-1200 lbs. 20.50-21.00; 1200-1250 lbs. 21.00-21.50; 1250-1300 lbs. 21.50-22.00; 1300-1350 lbs. 22.00-22.50; 1350-1400 lbs. 22.50-23.00; 1400-1450 lbs. 23.00-23.50; 1450-1500 lbs. 23.50-24.00; 1500-1550 lbs. 24.00-24.50; 1550-1600 lbs. 24.50-25.00; 1600-1650 lbs. 25.00-25.50; 1650-1700 lbs. 25.50-26.00; 1700-1750 lbs. 26.00-26.50; 1750-1800 lbs. 26.50-27.00; 1800-1850 lbs. 27.00-27.50; 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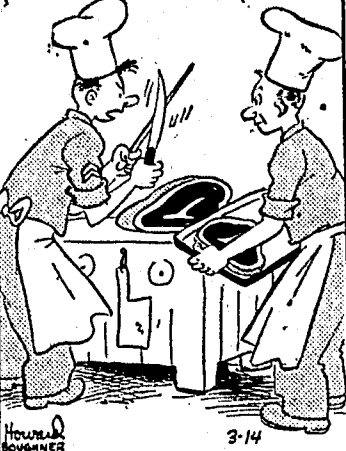
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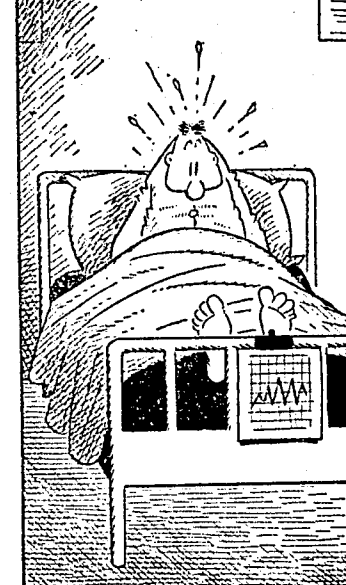
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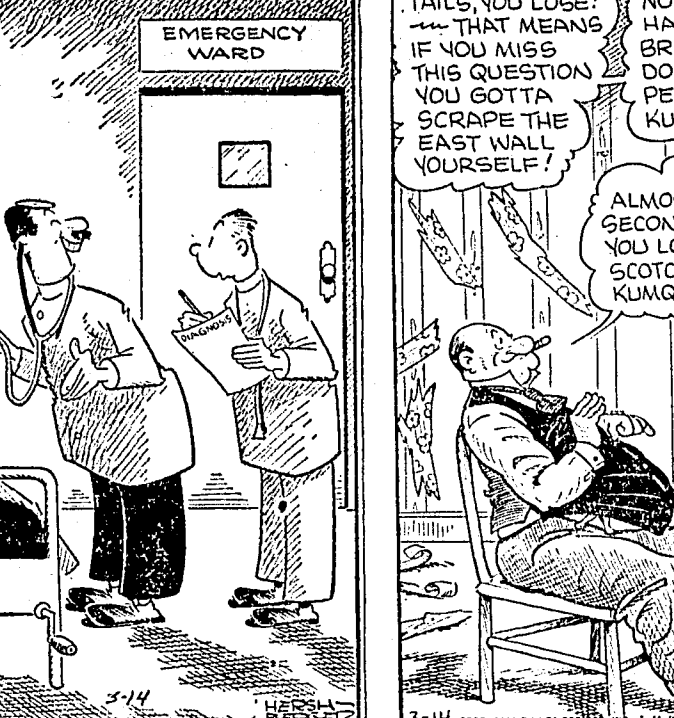
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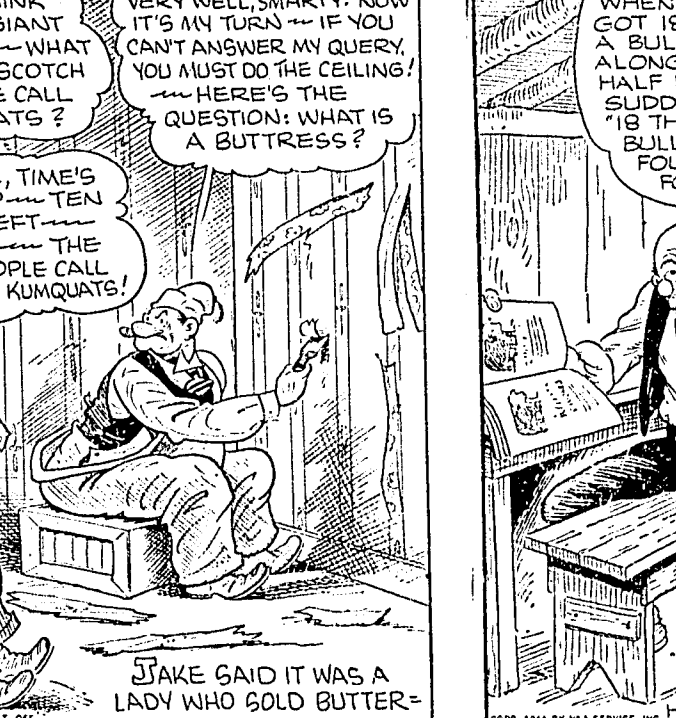
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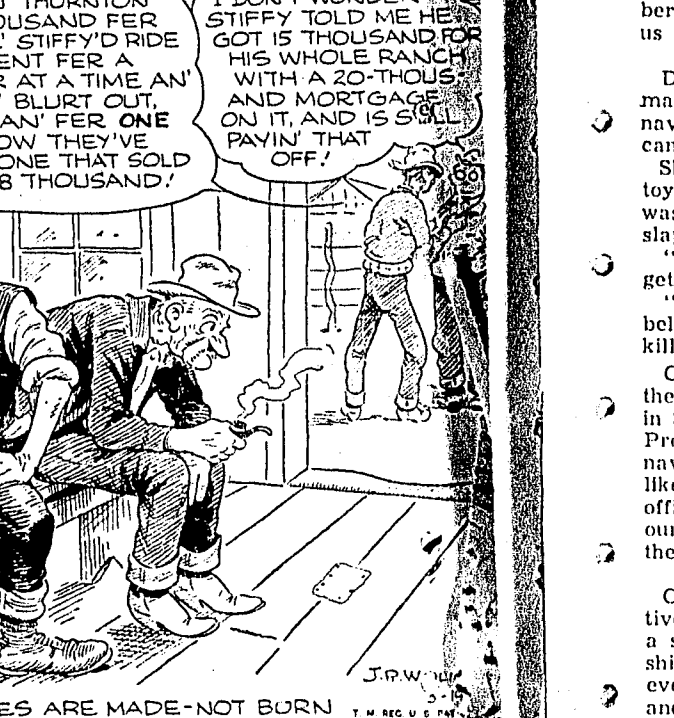
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The first time I saw a lightning bolt, I was in London.

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(Substituting for Hal Boyle)

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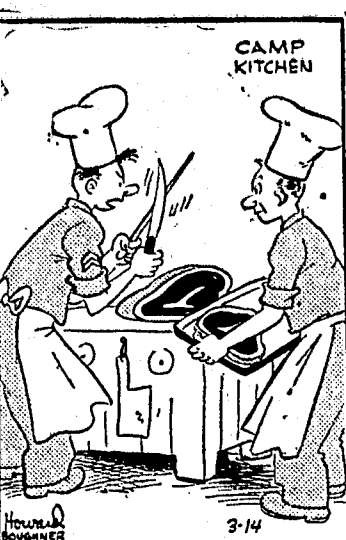
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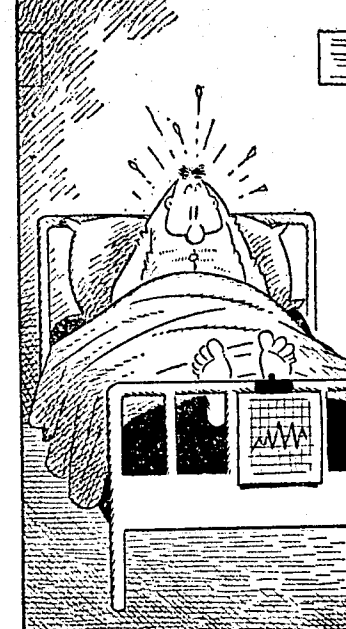
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